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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

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1. FOR HONG KONG: HERMANN INFORMED US ON DEC. 30 THAT TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON CATEGORY 218 WILL NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE IN EARLY JANUARY: HERMANN WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE AND PETER TSAO CANNOT TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 8 AS EXPECTED. IN ADDITION, GOHK INDICATED THAT SINCE WE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS, HK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE VENU.

2. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO HERMANN THAT, IN VIEW OF LATE CANCELLATION OF JAN 8 ARRANGEMENT AND PRIOR COMMITMENTS,
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WE CANNOT HAVE TEAM IN HONG KONG BEFORE WEEK OF JAN 19

AND WE PREFER WEEK OF JAN 26. HERMANN IS INQUIRING WHETHER TALKS DURING JAN 19 - FEB 7 PERIOD WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOHK. OUR ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIFIC DATES WILL DEPEND ON POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES DURING SAME PERIOD.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: WE BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED BY PARA 8 (B) OF BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT COULD BE MOST CONVENIENTLY HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR DURING SAME PERIOD AS TALKS IN HONG KONG. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE WHETHER JAN 19- FEB 7 PERIOD WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. WE WOULD PREFER DATES NEAR THE END OF THIS PERIOD, AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIFIC DATES WILL DEPEND ON ITINERARY AS A WHOLE. ROBINSON

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